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JOE W. WEBB, right, secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association, will retire effective Jan. 1, 1967. He will be succeeded by Harrel C. Haile, left, who joined the Northwestern staff as Director of Financial Aid July 1. Haile and his wife, the former Joyce Kilgore, are both NSC graduates. Dr. Arnold R. Kilpatrick, acting president, extends a handshake to Haile and Webb. Announcement of the appointment of Haile as secretary-treasurer was made by W. Ray Scott, Association president, and Natchitoches mayor. Haile will continue as Director of Financial Aid.

Haile to Succeed Webb In Alumni Post January 1

Joe W. Webb, secretary of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association and director of the placement service, will retire Jan. 1, 1967, and will be succeeded by Harrel C. Haile, who recently was appointed Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Appointment of Haile to succeed Webb as secretary of the Alumni Association was made at a meeting of the Board of Directors Saturday, Sept. 3, on the campus. Natchitoches Mayor W. Ray Scott, Association president, announced the appointment of Haile.

Acting President Arnold R. Kilpatrick announced that Haile will continue as Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships in addition to his new responsibilities as placement officer and alumni secretary.

Haile, a Northwestern graduate, has served as teacher and coach at Robeline and Jonesboro-Hodge high schools, principal of

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Board Appoints New Officer, Fills Vacancies, Makes Plans for 1966 Homecoming at Meeting

Members of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association approved appointment of Harrel C. Haile to succeed Joe W. Webb as secretary-treasurer, filled vacancies on the Board, and made plans for the 1966 Homecoming at a meeting Saturday, Sept. 3, on the campus.

W. Ray Scott, Natchitoches mayor and Associational president, presided at the meeting.

Board members unanimously agreed that the 1966 Homecoming should be the "biggest ever" as a means of welcoming new Acting President Arnold R. Kilpatrick and the new secretary-treasurer and to honor the outgoing officer, Joe Webb.

Classes of years ending in "6" are to be honored, beginning with the class of 1906.

Board members voted to charge only \$1.00 for the annual luncheon and to invite the faculty and friends of the College. This is a change made possible by the expected opening of the new Student Union building with its increased capacity. It is expected that the largest group ever to assemble for a Home-



DR. CHARLES F. THOMAS, formerly Head Basketball Coach, then professor of Health and Physical Education, and more recently Head of the Department of Health and Physical Education, has been named Dean of Administration, succeeding Sylvan W. Nelken, who retired July 1. Dr. Thomas, an All-American basketball player at Northwestern as a student, was also a highly successful coach. Mrs. Thomas is the former Sadie Grezaffi, BS '43, MS '62.

coming luncheon will gather Nov. 12 in the Student Union.

It was also agreed that the Homecoming parade would not

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Dr. Kilpatrick Is Appointed Acting President of NSC

Dr. Arnold R. Kilpatrick became Acting President of Northwestern State College Monday, Aug. 15, succeeding President John S. Kyser who will be on leave until his retirement July 1, 1967.

Dr. Kilpatrick, who had been serving as Dean of the College since March 10, will become President on Dr. Kyser's retirement.

The new Northwestern Acting President is the first four-year degree graduate of the college to return as its chief administrator. His wife, the former Juanita Cardozier, is also a graduate of the college.

"It is with humility and pride that I accept the honor and pleasure of coming back to my Alma Mater as Acting President," Dr. Kilpatrick said. "I will do my utmost to carry on and uphold the traditions of Northwestern State College in trying to provide the best educational opportunities possible for the young men and young women of this state and nation."

"Northwestern State College graduates are in leadership roles in every walk of life throughout our state, and it is my hope that we can continue in this tradition. To me, this is an indication of the high quality student that comes to Northwestern for their education. To be associated with this fine old institution is a rare privilege."

Dr. Kilpatrick came to Northwestern from Northeast Louisiana State College where he had been Chairman of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Associate Professor of Education. He had been at Northeast since 1951, as Athletic Director and basketball coach.

Following his graduation from Northwestern he began his ca-

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Alumni Here and There

Miss Addie Huckabay, BS '60, with honors, has joined the Home Economics faculty as assistant professor. She is a former teacher in Alexandria Junior High School and Bolton High School. Miss Huckabay served as assistant Dean of Women at NSC during 1964-65.

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Captain William B. Brumlow, BS '59, recently received the MS degree in medical microbiology from the University of Wisconsin. He studied under the Air Force Institute of Technology Program, which provides selected Air Force members resident training in scientific engineering and other fields at civil institutions. Captain Brumlow has been reassigned to Lackland AFB, Texas.

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Sidney L. Poe, '66, in biology, is working toward his doctorate in Columbia, Mo.

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James R. Burke and Larry M. Clinton, 1966 graduates of NSC, have joined the group office of Washington National Insurance Company of New Orleans.

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George D. Lynch, BA '58, is the new dean of men at Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga. His appointment became effective Aug. 1.

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Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Sonnier (the former Claudine Box, BS '53) with their four children, Suzanne, 9, David, 7, Joan Marie, 4, and John, 2, have moved to Gunnison, Col., where Dr. Sonnier is on the staff at Western State College of Colorado in the science department.

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Sammy A. Dyson, BS '50, was recently named director of libraries at Louisiana Tech. His wife, the former June Wallace, BS '50, is presently dean of women at Tech.

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Lonnie T. Bennett, BS '55, received his PhD degree in mathematics and statistics at Oklahoma State University May 22. Dr. Bennett will be a member of the mathematics department at Northeast Louisiana State College this year. His wife, the former Sue Hooper, received a BS in nursing from NSC.

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M. O. Webb, Jr., BA '61, was recently promoted to the rank of

Captain. He has been in Viet Nam with the First Infantry since October, and his promotion became effective May 5.

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Patricia Kate Gaspard, BA '65, received her MA degree from the University of Alabama in May of this year in special education with double certification in mental retardation and crippling, and health impaired.

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Mrs. Myrtle Wilkinson Hancock, a two-year graduate of '26, retired this year from teaching in the public schools of Texas, where she had taught for 27 years. She and her husband, Robert H. Hancock, reside at 548 West Verna, Jasper, Tex.

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Dr. Gail Crow Goodwin, Med, '60, was recently awarded the doctorate in counseling and guidance at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Goodwin is presently counselor to women and test director at LSUA, Alexandria.

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Miss Marie Theresa LeBlanc, a two-year graduate of '26, retired in May from the faculty at Byrd high school after 37 years of service.

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Mrs. O. G. Sellers (the former Pat Proskowetz, BA '60 in journalism) is assisting her husband, who is editor of the **George County Times** in Lucedale, Miss. Prior to her marriage she was employed as a reporter by the **Baton Rouge Morning Advocate** in Baton Rouge.

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Thomas Mitchell, BS '64, has been named football coach at Arcadia High School. Mitchell was formerly employed as an assistant football coach and head baseball coach at Zachary high school.

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Dana Roy Sanders, BS '65, has been awarded a National Defense Graduate Fellowship in Agriculture at Iowa State University. The fellowship is valued at \$9,150. Sanders is presently working toward his Master's degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders of Chestnut who are graduates of Northwestern State College.

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Miss Sharon Corbell, BA '64, with a major in upper elementary and a minor in library science, is

In Memoriam

Robert Edward Lee, a member of the Board of Directors of Northwestern State College Alumni Association, passed away Aug. 15. Ed and his wife, the former "Dinky" Marmande, had been very active in Alumni work in the New Orleans area for several years.

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M. G. Richardson, BA '24, a former principal of Hackberry High School, died in the West Cameron Hospital recently. M. G. spent 33 years in the teaching profession in Louisiana.

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Walter Pierron, 2-yr., '24, BA '27, died Aug. 30 at his home in Monroe. Walter was forced to retire in 1958 on account of poor health but had served better than 30 years in the teaching profession prior to this time.

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Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of these Alumni.

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one of three persons who have been selected to receive a \$2,000 Louisiana State Library scholarship award this year. She has been an elementary school librarian in Port Arthur, Tex., Independent School District.

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Bill Fincher, BS '66, is employed by the U. S. General Accounting Office in New Orleans.

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John Harry Robson, BA '63 in English, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Albany, Ga., as Minister of Youth. Robson arrived at the church Monday, July 25, to assume his new duties.

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Miss Donita Gothard, BA '53, MED '60, counselor at the Rush-eon junior high school for the past five years, received a stipend from the National Defense Education Association Counseling and Guidance Training Institute to attend a nine-week course of class work at the university. Miss Gothard was one of 32 selected from approximately 500 applicants.

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Working for Union Carbide Company in Luling, are a number of spring graduates: William R. Bourke, Donald E. Cormack, James A. Huggins, Jimmy Dale Johnson, James J. Lottinger, Clifford T. Luttrell, Dale H. Oglesby, Clark E. Smith, and Howard M. Wells, Jr.

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Seven Air Force medals, awarded posthumously to Capt. James C. Kindel, were presented recently to his widow, the former Francyse Jowers, BA '55. Captain Kindel was killed in action in Viet Nam last Dec. 14. Mrs. Kindel and her three children are living in Alexandria.

Cupid's Doings

Miss MARY FRANCES LOWE, BA '66, and Robert Dan Headstream were united in marriage on May 28 in the Christ Methodist Church in Minden.

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Miss CAROLYN L. ORTEGO, BA '64, and the Rev. RICHARD DOUGLAS DEBUSK, BA '64, were married June 3 in the Kingsville Baptist Church.

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Wed in a ceremony in the First Baptist Church of Marrero on June 3 were Miss BETTIE MOORE, BM '66, presently "Miss NSC," and Wayne Meacham, senior student and newly-appointed editor of the "Potpourri."

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Pineville was the setting for the wedding of CAROLYN ANN LUCAS, BA '65, and Joseph Franklin Wilson, Jr., on June 4.

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Miss MARIETTA BAKER, BS '65, and LESTER HUGHES LEE, BS '66, exchanged wedding vows in the Immaculate Conception Church in Natchitoches on June 11.

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The First Baptist Church in Jena was the scene on June 18, of the marriage of Miss NELLIE IRENE HUDNALL, BA '66, and DORVAL WAYNE STUCKEY, BS '65.

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Two 1965 graduates who are currently working toward Masters' degrees at NSC, Miss CATHERINE ELIZABETH COOK and HERBERT THEODORE SMITH, were married on July 2 in St. Frances Cabrini Church in Alexandria.

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On July 23, at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Miss PATRICIA ANNE PROSKOWETZ, BA '59 became the bride of O. G. Sellers

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Also on July 23, Miss PATRICIA KATE GASPARD, BA '65 exchanged vows with Harold Maurice Hicks, Jr., in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Alexandria.

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In the home of the bride's parents in Glenmora, Miss SUZZANNE ELAINE BLACKBURN, BA '66, and HENRY ALVIN HENDERSON, BA '65, pledged their wedding vows in June.

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Miss MARGARET ANNELL KNotts, BS '63, and JAMES PORTER WELLS, BS '64, were married June 25 at the Magnolia Baptist Church in Saline

Look Who's Here

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Murphy announce the arrival of a son, Trent Stephen, April 29, in Sulphur. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. His mother is the former Bonnie Richardson, BA '62.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elton Broadwater, Jr., announce the birth of twins, Kevin Dale, and Kimberly Gale, born May 26, in Pineville.

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Marian Kay Stothart was born April 8, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz. Her parents are Will, BA '62, and Carolyn Couch Stothart, BS '62. Will is a Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer in Tallulah.

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Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Armour, Jr., (Sammie Cole, BA '55) announce the arrival of their second child, Amy Lynn. She was born on Jan. 12, and weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. Spencer III is 12 years old.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Allen announce the arrival of their second child, Christy Kay, Aug. 2. Big sister is Pamela Joy, 18 months old. Mrs. Allen is the former Carol Goldstein, BS in nursing, 1960.

BOARD APPOINTS—

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be held but that more emphasis would be placed on the decoration of college buildings, particularly the dormitories. Awards normally going to floats will augment previous monies awarded for best decorated campus buildings.

The annual coffee and registration will again open the day's program. Instead of the parade, however, alumni will be encouraged to go on escorted tours of the campus, visiting the new buildings opened for the first time this fall.

Board members voted to confer an honorary Alumni Association membership on a person selected at the meeting but whose identity will be withheld until the presentation at the luncheon.

Changes in the Board provided for Maj. Gen. Erbon Wise to represent the New Orleans area, Dr. Boyd Woodward, of Lake Charles, to succeed General Wise in that area, and Dr. K. V. Donaldson, of Alexandria, to replace Dr. T. P. Southerland, now Dean of Education at the college.

Board members agreed to forward a letter of sympathy to the widow R. E. Lee, deceased board member.

Cut Out and Mail Today

THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, November 9.

Mr. J. W. Webb
N. S. C. Alumni Association
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457

I shall be at the Homecoming on Saturday, November 12, and would like to reserve _____ tickets at \$1.00 each for the Alumni Luncheon. You will find my check enclosed for \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____
(Give complete address so tickets can be mailed)

Alumni, faculty, and friends of the College are invited to attend the luncheon.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS on August 15, 1966, John S. Kyser will have completed many years of distinguished and dedicated service to the development and building of Northwestern State College as chief administrator, and

WHEREAS John S. Kyser will leave his post as President of Northwestern State College on August 15, 1966, and

WHEREAS the Northwestern State College Alumni Association, through its Board of Directors by official action of the Board taken on May 14, 1966, expresses through this resolution the thanks of the Association to Dr. John S. Kyser for his long years of unstinted service and development of the College, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Northwestern State College Alumni Association wishes to impart to John S. Kyser its very best wishes for many happy and useful years of retirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be made a part of the official minutes of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association and that it be published in the Alumni Columns.

W. Ray Scott, President
Northwestern State College
Alumni Association
Joe Webb, Secretary
Northwestern State College
Alumni Association

REMEMBER
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Announce Fall Administrative Faculty Changes

Acting President Arnold R. Kilpatrick introduced some 41 new members of the Northwest State College faculty at the first faculty meeting Monday, Sept. 12. An additional 12 new appointments were replacements of faculty members.

In addition to the new faculty members, several administrative changes and appointments have been made.

Dr. Charles F. Thomas, former head of the Department of Health and Physical Education, is serving as Dean of Administration.

Other appointments include:

Laura B. Lavespere, assistant auditor; Jack E. Prough, business manager; Mrs. Pat Dennis, instructor and counselor; Scriven P. Ross, assistant director, computing center; Harrel C. Haile, director of financial aid; James R. Quinn, grants and loans; Fletcher S. Sutton, assistant supervisor of scholarships; Mrs. Ann L. McNeely, assistant supervisor of grants and loans; Joe D'Avanzo, director of food services and facilities.

Cara L. Starnes, director of housing; Donald Beasley, assistant basketball coach; John Ropp, assistant football coach; Mrs. Martin Dixon, secretary to the President; Mrs. Gertrude Lyons, receptionist in the President's office; and Sylvan R. Sibley, purchasing agent.

gendre, Ruth Lewis, Emily McAdams Turner, Nell McCleish Moody, Mattie McClenaghan Bidd, Mildred McClendon Drake, Aimee Maurin Hotard, Hilda Moody White, Juliette Morrison, Theda Murray, Minnie Musgrove Williams, Ruth Nuckoll Kidd, Nita Oden, Gladys Pendegast Laaton, Elizabeth Peurifoy Pearce, Carrie Pharr LeMaire, Bertie Phillips Henry, Thelma Powell Burroughs, Esther Rentrop, Eula Ross Bridges, Wilbert J. Robertson, Carrie Mae Roussel, Daisy Roux Barnes, Stella Roy Regard, Vera Rutledge, Thelma Seals, Selma Smith Rossman, Winnie Strickland McKneely, Graham Stuckey, Mary Tanner Campbell, Annie Towles Gundy, Marguerite Taylor Hughes, and Clara Whitlow.

1966 Demons Work Hard, Hope For Improved Record On Grid

If hard work, blood and sweat make a good football team, Northwestern should field a champion this season.

The Demons, 75 of them, reported for fall practice sessions Sept. 1, and jumped right into two-a-day workouts under a blazing summer sun.

"Our boys reported in top physical condition," says head coach Jack Clayton. "We had to spend very little time on conditioning this year."

Hoping to improve on a 5-4 record and fourth place finish in the Gulf States Conference last year, Northwestern will be sparked this season by the return of 24 lettermen.

An explosive team offensively, Northwestern opens the season Sept. 24 against Louisiana College at Demon stadium. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Leading the way when the Demons have the football will be sophomore quarterback Donald Guidry, a 170-pounder from Church Point. With 10 touchdown passes to his credit last

year as a freshman, Guidry has been classed by many coaches as "the best quarterback in the GSC."

And when Guidry throws them, Northwestern will have capable hands waiting to receive them. Dick Reding, All-GSC last season, is one of the best ends in the league. Louis Richard, who will start at the other offensive terminal post, is an outstanding receiver and has looked good in practice sessions.

The Northwestern running game could be the best since the days of Charlie Tolar. At fullback will be Russ Gielow, a 6-foot-5, 220 pounder who excited fans at the spring game last year by scoring three touchdowns and averaging better than eight yards a carry.

Halfbacks Neal Prather and Gary Pittman are another pair of fine running backs and will help make the Demon ground game powerful enough to loosen up the opposition for Northwestern's devastating passing attack.

Among the outstanding offensive linemen in the Demon camp are Ross Gwinn, David Arnold, Eddie Mittelbronn, David Dawson, and Randy Brodnax.

Clayton has said repeatedly this season that the defense has been spectacular in practice sessions.

The Demon defenders completely bottled up the offensive unit's passing game on several occasions during workouts behind the sparkling secondary play of All-American Al Dodd, and halfbacks David Smith and Sammy Clifton.

Ronnie Whately and Carroll Long were praised for their work at linebacker posts, and Dick Concilio has looked good at the monster position.

Gerald Malley drew favorable comments from the coaches — "one of the best defensive guards I've ever coached," said Red Phillips.

Defensive end play will be improved this season. Probable starters are David Lovich, Mississippi State transfer, and Herbert Adams. Mike Creel has looked good at tackle, as has Paul Alonzo, an LSU transfer.

Northwestern's first conference game is Oct. 1 against Northeast at Monroe.

HAILE—

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Eros high school, teacher at Jonesboro elementary school, and principal at Southside elementary school and Jonesboro-Hodge high school. Mrs. Haile, the former Joyce Kilgore, of Lisbon, is also a graduate of NSC.

Webb, a native of Vowell's Mill in Natchitoches Parish, was a member of the chemistry department faculty from 1929 to 1947 and returned to the college in 1960 to become alumni secretary and placement director. He began a teaching career at Bethel elementary school in DeSoto Parish in 1921, and was principal at Lula and Longstreet high schools before joining the Northwestern faculty.

From 1947 to 1960 Webb was a partner in Almand Brothers and Co., car dealership and farm machinery business in Haynesville, where he presently resides.

A graduate of the college and a member of the faculty and staff for 24 years, Webb was honored in 1934 when Potpourri, student annual, was dedicated in his honor. Mrs. Webb, the former Nerva Almand, BA '31, and their son, Randy, BS '65, and MS '66, and Randy's wife, the former Glenda Durr, BS '65 and MS '66, are graduates of the College. Also, six brothers and sisters graduated and two attended Northwestern.

Webb indicated he will, on retiring, devote time to his farm at Vowell's Mill, to his business interests in Haynesville.



Ropp, Former Airline Coach Joins Demons

John Ropp, head football coach at Airline high school in Bossier City for the past two years, has joined the Northwestern grid staff as offensive line coach.

A former Northwestern football star, Ropp has been coaching for 11 years. He guided Airline to a 9-1-1 record last season and a 4-6 mark the year before. The school did not open until 1964.

The only game Ropp's team lost last year was a 21-20 thriller to Woodlawn. Airline's tie was with Fair Park, 20-20.

Hopp, who played fullback at Northwestern from 1949 until 1951, began his coaching career at Davidson High of St. Joseph in 1954. After a year there, he moved to Plantation Park elementary in Bossier City. He coached at Rusheon junior high in Bossier for eight years before going to Airline.

A native of Natchitoches, Ropp received his master's degree from Northwestern in 1958. He was a four-sport letterman at Natchitoches High, where he was graduated in 1948.

Ropp is married to the former Quincy Lincecum of Bossier City. His wife is also a graduate of Northwestern.

DR. KILPATRICK—

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reer as a teacher and coach at Jonesboro-Hodge high school, continuing until 1951 when he joined the Northeast State faculty.

A graduate of Eros high school, he attended Northeast Junior College before completing his undergraduate degree at Northwestern. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees from LSU.

The Kilpatricks have a daughter, Lael, 14, and a son, Young, 10.

Name John Thompson

NSC Track Mentor

John Thompson, 1949 graduate of Northwestern, has been appointed head track coach, effective in January.

A wingback on the Demon football squad during the late 1940's, Thompson went to Winnsboro High School after graduation as teacher and coach. He later entered the service where he coached football for one year.

After two years with the 4th Infantry Division, Thompson went to Crowville high school and then to Lake Charles high school where he was an assistant for five years.

For the past eight years, he has been turning out powerful track and football teams at Mansfield. His 1965 grid team was runner-up for the state title, and two of his track squads have won state championships, and they have taken second and third place honors once.

This marks the first time Northwestern will have a full-time track coach. Thompson will replace Slim Howell, who resigned as track coach and assistant football mentor last spring to become a full-time teacher in the physical education department.

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